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## President Nez and Vice President Lizer congratulate new Secretary of Indian Affairs for the State of New Mexico

**WINDOW ROCK** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer congratulate the new Secretary of the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Lynn Trujillo, who was appointed by New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Tuesday.

“The Nez-Lizer Administration congratulates Secretary Trujillo and we look forward to working with you to advance the priorities of the Navajo Nation in

coordination with other tribes in the State of New Mexico,” said President Nez. “Over the years, we’ve built a stronger partnership with the state and we want to strengthen that even more under the leadership of Secretary Trujillo and Governor Lujan Grisham.”

Trujillo is a member of the Sandia Pueblo, which she also served as the General Counsel. Most recently, she was a coordinator with the U.S. Department of Agriculture where she worked with many Native American tribes across the country. She is a graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law.

“We look to the leadership of Secretary Trujillo to help our Nation secure funding for capital outlay projects, TIF dollars, and to facilitate any gaming issues that need to be addressed in coordination with other gaming tribes,” stated Vice President Lizer.

According to the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, the department is tasked with implementing groundbreaking state-tribal policies intended to improve the quality of life for the state's Indian citizens. IAD's policy initiatives are designed to strengthen tribal and state relations and address the challenges we face in our communities; challenges such as economic



**PHOTO: New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham (left) and newly appointed New Mexico Secretary of Indian Affairs Lynn Trujillo (right) at the Office of the Governor in Santa Fe, N.M. on Jan. 22, 2019.**

development, infrastructure improvement, the protection of our cultures and languages, health care accessibility, and educational opportunities for our most precious resource, our children.

Trujillo's duties as the Secretary of the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department begin immediately, however her appointment is subject to confirmation by the New Mexico Senate.

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